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Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 147 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/66/632.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 33rd and 38th meetings, on 10 May and 12 June 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.33 and 38).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/66/722);

(b) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/718, para. 272, and A/66/718/Add.12).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.43

4. At its 38th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei" (A/C.5/66/L.43), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.43 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1990 (2011) of 27 June 2011, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for a period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Interim Security Force, the latest of which was resolution 2047 (2012) of 17 May 2012, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Interim Security Force for a period of six months,

Recalling also its resolution 66/241 of 24 December 2011 on the financing of the Interim Security Force,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Interim Security Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/____ of ____ June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei as at 30 April 2012, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 46.1 million United States dollars, representing some 29 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Interim Security Force in full;

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[1] A/66/722.

[2] A/66/718, para. 272, and A/66/718/Add.12.

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all planned construction projects are completed on schedule and that Headquarters provides effective oversight of the major construction projects;

10. *Expresses deep concern* at the current high vacancy rates, especially for civilian personnel and United Nations police, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that vacant posts are filled expeditiously;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/____;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Interim Security Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei the amount of 269,196,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, inclusive of 257,932,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Interim Security Force, 10,681,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 583,200 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 109,921,986 dollars for the period from 1 July to 27 November 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

15. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment

among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,084,860 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 554,762 dollars approved for the Interim Security Force, the prorated share of 437,529 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 92,569 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

16. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 159,274,714 dollars for the period from 28 November 2012 to 30 June 2013, at a monthly rate of 22,433,058 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248, and for 2013,[3] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Interim Security Force;

17. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,571,940 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 803,838 dollars approved for the Interim Security Force, the prorated share of 633,971 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 134,131 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

19. *Notes with concern* the occurrence of security incidents affecting the Interim Security Force, including casualties resulting from landmines and explosive remnants of war;

20. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Interim Security Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

21. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Interim Security Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

22. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei".

[3] To be adopted by the General Assembly.